

Part 9: Alternatives

The recommendations presented in this section are the result of the research and findings presented in the previous sections of this report. They are presented in the following matrix as alternatives. Three alternatives for each resource or issue are provided, immediately followed in bullet format by the possible implications of each particular action. The first alternative provides the project and resulting implications if “no action” is taken. Alternative two looks at possible projects and implications with a “preservation emphasis,” that is, developing projects to continue the present state of a resource or issue. Alternative three forecasts projects and implications using a “restoration emphasis.” This is meant to imply restoring a resource or resolving an issue with the longevity and integrity of the resource as the primary concern informing management decisions. These alternatives are to provide a critical analysis of the range of projects and resultant implications proposed for the resources within the TSA in order to inform future decision making in regards to Plan recommendations and project implementation.

Public input on the range of alternatives presented here, as well as other areas of concern are being sought in the May 2006 public scoping meeting and will be included in the matrix as Alternative Four. Public input on the range of alternatives will be used to inform Management Team decisions on the recommendation and implementation sections to be completed for the final draft of the Plan.

9.1 Recreational Resources: Trails

- A. Axel Lindgren Memorial Trail:**
- B. Wagner Street (a.k.a. Old Wagon or Bluff) Trail:**
- C. Parker Creek Trail:**

9.2 Cultural Resources

9.3 Natural Resources

9.4 Other Issues

- A. Consultation**
- B. Ownership**
- C. Coastal Conservancy Conservation Easements**
- D. Other issues identified by Public**

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Resource Management Alternatives Matrix

Resource: Recreational	Alternative One (No Action)	Alternative Two (Preservation Emphasis)	Alternative Three (Restoration Emphasis)	Alternative Four (Public Input)
Axel Lindgren Memorial Trail	<p>The trail would be kept open year-round.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Remains the primary beach access trail. ➤ No seasonal closures. ➤ No redirects, improvements, or repairs. ➤ Trail becomes hazardous for public use. 	<p>The trail would be kept open with seasonal/periodic closures during winter months.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Trail used as a primary and/or secondary beach access trail depending on open/closed status. ➤ City to fund and perform regular maintenance and repairs. ➤ Annual repairs conducted to maintain current trail conditions. ➤ Move second or other bench(es) to a new location(s). ➤ No major improvements or redirects. 	<p>Permanent closure of the trail to public use.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Designate and develop an alternate primary beach access trail ➤ Restore traditional entrance (top) to the trail through Civic Club/ Memorial Lighthouse site by opening fence. ➤ Close and re-vegetate current entrance (top). ➤ Remove all benches from trail ➤ Install handrail along east side of existing trail. ➤ Develop and fund a permanent trail maintenance program to make annual repairs to lower portion of trail. ➤ Engineer and redirect lower portion of trail to restore traditional route. 	

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Wagner Street Trail (a.k.a. Old Wagon Road or Bluff Trail)	<p>Remains secondary beach access trail.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Daytime use only. ➤ No handicap/ADA access. ➤ Continued mowing and maintenance by City. ➤ Managed per terms of litigation settlement between parties (see Sec. 8.2). ➤ No changes, improvements or repairs. 	<p>Maintain narrow width of footpath along entire trail.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Re-vegetate along entire bluff ocean-side edge. ➤ Seasonal closure during winter months. ➤ Maintenance and repairs to be conducted on an as-needed basis. 	<p>Permanent closure of trail.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Design and develop an alternate beach access trail. ➤ Re-vegetate entire bluff edge. ➤ Create permanent fund to perform annual repairs and maintenance to prevent riling and gullyng of runoff and improve bluff stability. 	

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Parker Creek Trail	<p>Continued access from established entrance off of Wagner Street Trail.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ No clear public access easement to enter trail from Parker Creek Road. ➤ Continued access to beach over private land with no easement. ➤ Maintain current schedule of annual repairs and maintenance. ➤ Continued problem of runoff from inboard ditch onto adjacent private property and into village site. ➤ No improvements, changes, or repairs. 	<p>Negotiate and obtain appropriate easements for current access.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Maintain current schedule of annual repairs and maintenance. ➤ Remain as secondary beach access trail. ➤ Install proper drainage system along trail. 	<p>Correct easement(s) for beach access portion of trail.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Establish formal trail route to access Parker Creek Trail from town. ➤ Design and develop to become the primary beach access trail. ➤ Create access from Scenic Drive and develop as a scenic and forest trail. ➤ Increase the amount of trail footage in Trinidad area. ➤ Develop interpretive and educational signage. ➤ Install proper drainage system along trail. ➤ Develop portions of the trail to be ADA accessible. ➤ Enhance visitor experience and increase public access. 	

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Resource: Cultural	Alternative One (No Action)	Alternative Two (Preservation Emphasis)	Alternative Three (Restoration Emphasis)	Alternative Four (Public Input)
Tsurai Study Area (entire 12.5 acre property)	<p>Continued management by City per existing Policy 69.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ No formal 'program' for protection, preservation or management of cultural resources. ➤ Continued loss of irreplaceable cultural resources through illegal looting. ➤ Continued conflict between the City, Yurok Tribe, and TAS over management of cultural resources. ➤ Continued damage to village, cemetery and burials through site degradation. ➤ Continued or increased saturation and erosion of site. 	<p>Management of cultural resources to prevent additional damage or loss with no significant improvements or restoration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Improve and amend Policy 69 to include the Yurok Tribe. ➤ City funding of qualified professional staff from the Yurok Tribe to assume cultural resource management responsibilities. ➤ City to fund law enforcement training, and cultural resources site monitoring by Yurok Tribe to prevent further looting. ➤ Slope stabilization and de-saturation to prevent continued erosion. 	<p>Management of cultural resources to be assumed and funded by the Yurok Tribe.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Proactive and intensive site stabilization efforts taken to stop and reverse damage to cultural resources caused by erosion. ➤ Development and implementation of a long-term site monitoring and site protection program. ➤ Long-term site restoration, including stream restoration, selective vegetation removal, removal of invasive species, re-introduction of culturally significant plant species, to open up cemetery, restore village site, and bring back the Brush Dance ceremony. ➤ Development of interpretive and educational program. 	

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Resource: Natural	Alternative One (No Action)	Alternative Two (Preservation Emphasis)	Alternative Three (Restoration Emphasis)	Alternative Four (Public Input)
Tsurai Study Area (entire 12.5 acre property)	<p>No removal of invasive species or management for protection of native species.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ No restoration of natural hydrology in streams or creeks. ➤ No remediation of saturated conditions within the site. ➤ No water quality monitoring or mitigation of potential contamination. ➤ Continued discharge into protected bay. ➤ No removal or eradication of <i>Aplodontia</i>. ➤ Continued overgrowth of invasive species. ➤ Continued in-stream and slope erosion. ➤ Continued saturation of village area. 	<p>Management of vegetation for the purposes of maintaining current conditions of natural resources within the TSA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ City to conduct water quality monitoring program for water bodies within the TSA. ➤ City to fund and implement adequate storm drainage and runoff system to prevent discharge onto bluff and village site. 	<p>Restore natural hydrology of waterbodies within TSA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Prevent all discharge into Trinidad Bay/CCA ➤ Install appropriate drainage system along Parker Creek Trail to redirect runoff from adjacent private property and village site. ➤ Restore open space to village area by selective vegetation removal/maintenance. ➤ Restore fish passage to Parker Creek. ➤ Develop and fund a long-term water-quality monitoring program for waterbodies within TSA and take remedial action to prevent contaminant discharge into Trinidad Bay. ➤ Remove resident population of <i>Aplodontia</i>. ➤ Selectively remove invasive species from TSA. ➤ Re-introduce culturally significant native species to the TSA. 	

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			➤ Develop vegetation management program for TSA with an emphasis on enhancing natural environment.	
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Other Issues	Alternative One (No Action)	Alternative Two (Preservation Emphasis)	Alternative Three (Restoration Emphasis)	Alternative Four (Public Input)
Consultation	<p>No amendment or improvements to Policy 69.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Yurok Tribe remains excluded from Policy 69. ➤ Continued conflict between City, Yurok Tribe and TAS over management decisions and actions taken by the City for TSA. 	<p>Amend Policy 69 to include Yurok Tribe.</p>	<p>Amend Policy 69 to include Yurok Tribe, better define roles and responsibilities of the City, the Conservancy, the Yurok Tribe and TAS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Improved communication between City and Yurok Tribe and TAS via improved consultation protocol. 	
Ownership	<p>City retains ownership of TSA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ City continues to lack funding and technical expertise to adequately manage TSA. ➤ No restoration of TSA. ➤ Continued conflict over City management of TSA 	<p>Co-management and co-ownership of TSA between City and Yurok Tribe.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Continued conflict over management priorities of TSA. ➤ Increased role for Yurok Tribe in management decisions for TSA. 	<p>Ownership of TSA transferred to Yurok Tribe.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Yurok Tribe assumes responsibility for management of TSA. ➤ Yurok Tribe increases ability to obtain funding to manage and restore cultural, natural, and recreational resources within entire TSA. ➤ Improved relationship between City and Yurok Tribe and TSA. 	

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Coastal Conservancy Conservation Easements	Conservation easement remains vague and continues to have gaps through TSA.	Conservation easements are defined for cultural, natural, and recreational resources.	Conservation easements are defined. ➤ Conservation easements for trail access are obtained for entire TSA.	
Other issues identified by Public	➤	➤	➤	